

## **Man indicted in fraud is returned from Belize**

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A three-year manhunt for a federal fugitive officially ended Thursday when he was returned to Indianapolis and appeared before a federal judge.

James R. Harrold, 61, was escorted off an aircraft returning from the Central American country of Belize.

Harrold had been captured by authorities in Belize in November. He'd been working as a bookkeeper for a beach resort, said Jason R. Wojdylo, supervisory deputy for the U.S. marshal.

Authorities said Harrold created a scam based out of his former Geist home in the 9000 block of Seascape Drive. He purported to be an investment specialist and promised clients annual returns of 20 percent. Instead, Harrold kept the money, defrauding investors of \$3 million, said Wojdylo.

Harrold fled the country shortly after his activities were uncovered three years ago.

In November, a federal grand jury returned a 29-count indictment charging Harrold with mail fraud, interstate transportation of securities taken by fraud, wire fraud and money laundering.